

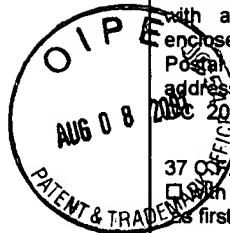
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above identified patent application, please make the amendment outlined below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 43, 62, 65, 66, 71, and 72 as follows:

43. A method for inactivating microorganisms and pyrogens present in biological materials comprising:
 stabilizing a biological material on a solid carrier;
 incubating said biological material in the presence of an alkyl phosphate-free detergent solution, said detergent solution containing at least one eluotropic salt in a total concentration of at least 200 mM; and
 eluting said biological material from said detergent solution.

62. A method for inactivating microorganisms and pyrogens present in biological materials comprising:
 stabilizing a biological material on a solid carrier;
 incubating said biological material in the presence of an alkyl phosphate-free detergent solution, said detergent solution containing at least one eluotropic salt in a total concentration of at least 200 mM;

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